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Pfc. Brian A. Marion
Navy Captain Stephen J. Linehan, Command Chaplain, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, prepares to bless a Navy vessel during Waterfront Operation's Second Annual Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony.

Vessels blessed at ceremony

Pfc. Brian A. Marion
Combat Correspondent

Waterfront Operations hosted the 2nd Annual Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony held here June 8. The ceremony was started last year to help continue naval traditions and to embrace Polynesian culture. The blessing was performed by Navy Capt. Stephen J. Linehan, command chaplain, and Kaanohi Aipa, Kuma Hula of Kaanohiwaianuenue Hula Studio. This was Aipa's second time

blessing the ceremony, and she thought it was excellent to bless the fleet here. "When I was a child, this place used to be a sacred place," said Aipa. "It's really nice to come back here and bless the people that protect us." Although the origin of the blessing ceremony is debated, it is widely believed that Spain, under King Alfonso XI, was the first to ask Pope Clement V to bless his fleet. While the vessels were

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Red Lions conduct external lift exercise

Lance Cpl. Edward C. deBree
Combat Correspondent

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 participated in an external flight operation June 8, at Alert Area 311 located on the north side of the island of Oahu. Part of the mission for the Red Lions is to transport troops, supplies and equipment in support of Marine Air Ground Task Force operations. According to Maj. Matthew B. Robbins, maintenance officer and pilot, HMH-363, an external flight operation exercise is when the aircraft carries its load from the outside. "When we were a part of (Operation Iraqi Freedom) our primary goals did not include external flights," said the 35-year-old native of Chesterfield, Mass. "So, you have to figure that was almost a year where we weren't doing them. This was a way for us to maintain our proficiency in these types of flights." Before their first deployment to Iraq, the squadron received a lot of new personnel that couldn't be trained in time for the deployment, so they had to receive waivers to fly in Iraq. This was a way to train them for these types of missions, said Robbins. During the exercise, the Sea Stallion made passes over the field while picking up and dropping off a 2,000-pound cement block, as Marines of the helicopter support team secured the area. The helicopters are capable of carrying approximately 6,000 pounds, but the squadron decided to lift only 2,000 pounds to conserve fuel in order to train all night. The training began at 5 p.m. and continued throughout the night until midnight. This also gave the Marines even more experience in training during night operations. "One difference between doing this in the day and night is the (night vision

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Lance Cpl. Edward C. deBree
A CH-53D from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 lifts a 2,000-pound cement block June 7, at Alert Area 311 on the north side of the island of Oahu. The Red Lions honed in on their external transportation for the first time since their deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Current internet scams target military

Staff Judge Advocate
Advisory Message

Purpose: This advisory reminds Marines, Sailors, and civilian personnel to maintain a high level of vigilance when releasing any personal information over the Internet or in response to e-mail inquiries. "Identity theft" is the fastest growing crime and it can cost you thousands of dollars. Identity theft is a crime in which someone obtains and uses your personal data in a fraudulent way. For example, a thief may obtain your name and social security number to apply for credit cards or loans in your name. This advisory identifies some current scams and suggests precautions to protect you from identity theft.

Current Scams: Many military members have insurance, banking, or investments through USAA. In a current e-mail scam, thieves send USAA members an e-mail claiming to be from USAA and ask the

USAA members to update their account information by following a link to update the "USAA Online Client Form." Although the site looks authentic, it is a fraudulent site. Some guidance from USAA: USAA, as a rule, will not ask for personal or account information in an e-mail. This is also true of just about all reputable merchants. If you are suspicious about any e-mails or Web sites claiming to be from USAA, notify them immediately at (877) 632-3002. This type of scam is known as "phishing." In a phishing scam, the thief takes the unsuspecting victim to a counterfeit Web site after sending an e-mail message from what appears to be a legitimate source asking you to follow a link to their Web site and "update" or "verify" your personal information or account. Once the thieves obtain the personal information they obtain credit cards and loans in your name. In the case of the Red Cross scam, the caller, usual-

ly a young-sounding American woman, calls a military spouse and identifies herself as a representative of the Red Cross. The caller states that the spouse's husband was hurt while on duty in Iraq and was med-evacuated to a hospital in Germany. The caller states that treatment cannot occur until paperwork is completed and that in order to start the paperwork they need the spouse to verify her husband's name, social security number, and date of birth.

Tips:

1. Never respond to an e-mail message that asks for money or personal information.
2. Do not disclose your name, date of birth, address and etc. over the Internet unless you are sure that you are dealing with a legitimate party.
3. Never release your social security number or bank account information over the Internet except to a trusted source.
4. Never follow a link

provided in an unsolicited email to update or verify any of your personal accounts or information.

5. Always scrutinize the URL that appears in the web address of your browser of the site you want to access – the longer the link, the more difficult it is to tell if it's legitimate.
6. If you're traveling or deploying, have your mail held at your local post office, or ask someone you know well and trust to collect and hold your mail while you're away.
7. If you feel you have been the victim of identity theft, call one of the major credit reporting agencies listed below and place a Fraud Alert on your account.

Before you deploy, you can also call these agencies and place an "Active Duty Alert" on your account to safeguard your identity. Equifax, (800) 685-1111, www.equifax.com; Experian, (888) 397-3742, www.experian.com; TransUnion, (800) 888-4213, www.transunion.com/index.jsp.

Quilters provide comfort to Wounded Warriors

Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi
Combat Correspondent

Yards of vibrantly colored fabrics brightened up the military drab of fresh haircuts and green utility uniforms. Bright yellows, reds, greens, blues and purples covered the pool table in the recreation room of the Wounded Warrior's Barracks of 3rd Marine Regiment. Eighteen residents of the barracks sat on couches in the room waiting for a quilt presenting ceremony to start Monday. Gayle Goodman, wife of Lt. Gen. John F. Goodman, commanding general, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, along with local quilt makers, was responsible for the bright colors and smiles gracing the faces of the injured Marines. After visiting the Wounded Warrior Barracks here, Goodman thought it was her responsibility to contribute to bettering the lifestyles of the Marines living there. "I saw a need for a feeling of warmth and comfort that moms feel is important," Goodman told the Marines. "I think Hawaii is a very healing place and I wanted to transfer that into the rooms of our wounded warriors. I saw the need and put it out to the community. I am absolutely overwhelmed by the response." Goodman said she called her friend, Monica Scola, who is a seamstress. Scola then took the mission of making quilts for the wounded Marines to various quilters around the community. Heading up the project was Marilyn Santiago, who came forward to tell the Marines how important this project was to her and her fellow quilters. Santiago told the story of the project, how many of the quilters "many who could be your grandmothers," she said, stayed up through the night for two days making quilts for the Marines.

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News Briefs

New E-mail Scam Targets USAA Members

USAA is investigating a new phishing scam that attempts to collect members' sensitive information. Members have received a recent e-mail claiming to be from USAA that urges them to complete a "USAA Online Client Form." The e-mail directs members to a counterfeit Web site that aims to trick them into providing account information. USAA will not ask for personal or account information in an e-mail. If you are suspicious about any e-mails or Web sites claiming to be from USAA, please notify them immediately at 1-877-632-3002.

Recruiter Screening Team Visit

The Headquarters Marine Corps Recruiter Screening Team is scheduled to visit the base to screen Marines July 30 and 31. All corporals, sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants need to contact their unit Career Retention Specialist and find out if they are on the list to be screened by the HRST. The HRST will provide a brief at 8 a.m. July 30. The briefing is mandatory for all Marines that are on the list to be screened. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Information Needed by MCBH K-Bay Military Police Traffic Division

On May 30 around 9:45 p.m. at the intersection of Lawrence Road and South Lawrence Road. An unknown vehicle struck a pedestrian walking on the side of the roadway. The driver then fled the scene without rendering aid or notifying the proper authorities. The Traffic Division is requesting anyone having information which might assist in the investigation to contact the Duty Accident Investigator. Contact the Traffic Division at 257-1146 or the Military Police Desk Sergeant at 257-2123.

New Clinic Central Appointment Number

In an effort to streamline services and provide greater access to care for beneficiaries of Makalapa and Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinics, there will be one combined central appointment line. Medical appointments for either clinic can be scheduled by dialing 473-0247 between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend same-day appointments are available at either Makalapa or Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinics by calling 473-0247 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Naval Health Clinic Hawaii does have an After-hours Provider Advice Line that enables beneficiaries to speak with a medical provider anytime the clinics are closed. This service is accessed simply by calling the above central appointment phone number and there is an option to speak with an answering service who will contact an after-hours provider. The provider will return a beneficiary's call within the hour.

Weekly Legal Brief

A new weekly brief to aid Marines, Sailors and civilian personnel on Wills and Powers of Attorney will be held at the Legal Services Center, Legal Assistance Office, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Also included are some important tips on Wills and Powers of Attorney.

Important Phone Numbers:

On-Base Emergencies	911
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380
Base Information	449-7110
MCBH Duty Chaplain	257-7700
DEERS	257-2077

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Daddies are a girl's best friend



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When I was three, my parents divorced. I don't know the particulars, nor do I care. All I know is, by the time I was seven, my mom had enough of Florida and moved back to the small town on Long Island where she grew up. My sister, Tanya, and I went with her. I spent school breaks at my father's house, and soon knew the Tampa International Airport better than the back of my hand. The different parenting styles took some getting used to, but I always had a good time at my dad's house. It was never really a vacation, just a break from school and a different family life.

When it came to planning my post-high school life, I decided I wouldn't go to a New York school with my other friends. Instead, I chose a school in Florida. After touring colleges throughout the state, my father and I found "the one" for both of us (I think he liked it because I'd be close to family; my grandparents lived five minutes up the road.) I was the first to arrive at my apartment-style dorm. We had half my stuff there and were bringing the rest to the third floor, when a cute Resident Assistant, Rob, came out and told us we were lucky, our building had an elevator. My dad then managed to knock over a pre-packed dresser, spilling my underwear onto the sidewalk. My father helped me move into my room, set up my wireless Internet, unpack dishes and rearrange furniture (I insisted the



bed be super tall, which I later regretted, climbing into bed becomes difficult after long-nights studying). He took me to dinner, and said it was "the Last Supper" (my dorm had a kitchen, so I wasn't on the meal plan. He realized cooking for myself would likely lead to my death. Luckily, I quickly learned to cook.) He brought me back to the dorm. My room-mates, by then, were there, so I busied myself during introductions, attempting to appear older than 17. My dad chatted with their parent's for a little while, and decided, after the other adults left, it was "about that time." Truth be told, I was ready for him to leave. It sounds horrible, but hear me out. I was 17, a baby compared to the other freshman. I felt like a child, so I wanted to avoid looking the part. Also, I was so excited to be in college, and didn't want my father around "cramping my style." I walked my dad to the dorm's front door, and in typical father fashion he said, "Don't drink, we're only two hours away, come home whenever you want. Don't forget to wear sunscreen, the sun is really bright in South Florida, don't eat too much junk food." He stood outside the door for 10 minutes giving me all the fatherly advice he could muster. I thought he'd never leave. Then he gave me a kiss, a big hug and a last look before he turned and walked away. I could swear I saw a little glint of a tear, but I'd never known my dad to be the emotional type. Of course, after seeing that look, I became teary eyed and closed the door. I didn't want my father to see me upset. My dad did the same thing to me when he dropped me off at the Tampa Military

Entrance Processing Station, before I shipped off for boot camp. We had dinner with the family, my sisters bawled when I said my farewells and told them "we've been apart for more than three months before." My dad took me to my recruiter and signed last minute paperwork. As he shook my recruiter's hand he leaned in close and said, "If anything happens to my daughter, there is no place they can send you that I won't find you. They'll have to send you to the tallest mountain in Japan for me to not get a hold of you that same day." My recruiter looked at me with that "is he serious!?" look. I just shrugged my shoulders and said, "he's Italian." Then my dad took me out for a piece of pie and teased me that it was going to be the last dessert I ate for a while. He then took me to my hotel room and gave me the biggest hug ever. I was scared, and I could tell he was too. He was sending his oldest daughter off to the Marine Corps. He walked away with that same "I'm not going to cry in front of my daughter" look in his eyes. That was enough for me to cry, and I did. My dad supports me being a Marine. I think he involves himself in his daughters' lives to understand us. He's never let me down. This year is his 20th year as a father, so it's a special Father's Day for him. He's got a daughter in the Marine Corps, a daughter in college, and his youngest girl is starting high school in the fall. Regardless of whatever problems we come home with, he's there to comfort us with a hug, give us a shoulder to cry on, and make a nerdy joke when the time's appropriate. But hey, what are daddies for?

Gripping demonstration



Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi
Corporal's Kris Hodgins and Barry Walton from the Working Dog Section, Military Police Department, demonstrate the capabilities of military working dogs for members of the Symposium on East Asia Security June 7. Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay treated SEAS to displays of equipment, vehicles, aircraft, weapons and exercise demonstrations that Marines around the base work with and perform.

HMH-363 Change of Command



TILLMAN

Lieutenant Col. Allen Broughton will relinquish command of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 to Lt. Col. Hugh Tillman at Hangar 101 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, at 2 p.m. on Thursday. Lt. Col. Tillman will take command of the Red Lions in preparation for future deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



BROUGHTON

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East wind between 10 and 17 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind around 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

High — 83

Low — 75

Saturday



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East wind between 11 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. East wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

High — 83

Low — 74

Sunday



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

High — 83

Low — 75



Marines posing as the opposing force clash with the base element in an attempt to break through their line last week during the non-lethal weapons course at Landing Zone 216 here.

Crowd Repellent

Echo Company, 2/3 trains for riot control

**Story and Photos by
Pfc. Brian A. Marion**

Combat Correspondent

Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, participated in a non-lethal weapons course last week at Landing Zone 216 here.

The course was shortened from its original two weeks to one week due to time constraints within the company.

The Marine Security Element, under the special operations command, will be able to react to situations nearby in a moment's notice.

The MSE is a quick reaction force deployable within four hours to anywhere in the Pacific region.

The course focused on riot training, but the Marines also had classes on how to incapacitate personnel without permanently injuring them.

The classes pertained to non-lethal weapons, continuum of force, oleoresin capsicum spraying, and how to use the minimum amount of force necessary to subdue someone in hand-to-hand combat. The also participated in a non-lethal weapons shoot.

The 10-hour daily schedule consisted of both classes and training. The hands-on training was mainly on how to work together in a riot formation, which consists of the base element, support element and the command element.

"A lot of the Marines have just come back from Iraq so they are learning an entirely different style of control, and this is new for a lot of the Marines here," said Tarr.

The base element is the front line of the formation. The support element can support the base element

by adding protection to the flanks or more personnel up front, can be sent in front of the base element to snatch up a priority target, or can be used as a detaining element to arrest personnel who get through the base element.

The command element consists of both the platoon commander and platoon sergeant, said Sgt. Jerry B. Hymas, the primary non-lethal weapons course instructor.

"This is fun, motivating and exhausting," said Lance Cpl. Jered B. Campbell, assaultman, 3rd Platoon. "I think its great to be learning new skills that make me a better asset to the company."

We have learned how to handle and control prisoners without injuring them permanently, said Campbell.

Although the formation could barely stop a handful of people the very first day, Hymas believes that the MSE has made great progress in its training.

"They have made some vast improvements since the beginning of training," said Hymas. "At first the base couldn't even stop four people from getting through, but now 14 people hit the base and they felt like they were hitting a brick wall."

Hymas also believes that this is a pretty good indication of how well they will react to a superior force.

"Anytime you get a group larger than the base element going toward the base, and get stopped so suddenly like that is a pretty good approximation of how well they would do in a real life event," he said. "All they would need is a little bit of real life experience, and they will be a force to be reckoned with."



Marines training to be the Marine Security Element here stand behind a wall of shields.



Sergeant Jerry B. Hymas, the primary non-lethal weapons course instructor, directs the support element to carry their weapons at the ready since they are in front of the base element. The support element consisted of Marines from Echo Company, 2/3 who were training to handle riots last week at Landing Zone 216 here.



Marines posing as the opposing force perform the "conga-line" maneuver to attempt breaking through the base element of the riot formation.



Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Jeanne C. Falgout, 4, is fingerprinted by Andrea R. Davis, Mrs. Pacific Islands, during Heavy Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 Kids' Day at Hangar 3 Friday. Davis, whose platform is working with child abduction awareness and prevention, assisted the Missing Child Center in Hawaii booth by helping parents organize ID kits for their children.

Smiles abound during HSL-37 Kids’ Day

Cpl. Mark Fayloga
Press Chief

Hangar 3 here was abuzz with activity Friday, but the noise and bustle filling the hangar weren’t the normal working sounds of the Sailors from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37, Combined Maintenance Organization 2.

The whirl of chopper blades was replaced by zooming tricycles and the usual roar of a Seahawk’s twin engines was missing; replaced, and easily surpassed in decibels, by children’s laughter during HSL-37 Kids’ Day.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Chris T. Murphy, safety officer, the event was held to promote child safety awareness in a fun, kid-friendly atmosphere, while also providing the families of Sailors the opportunity to see what takes place in the squadron on a daily basis.

This was the first kids’ day, but after witnessing the success of the event, Murphy believes it will become an annual occasion.

More than 50 children gallivanted about the hangar, learning about the basics of safety at several booths and displays, playing together in bouncy houses and learning a little about what their parents do at work on a daily basis.

The Federal Fire Department taught children in attendance safety tips such as stop, drop and roll. The police department raised drug abuse awareness, taught basic bicycle safety and shared other general safety tips. At the medical booth children learned basic first aid from mock-bandaged Sailors.

One of the day’s most popular sites was a large mat of bubble wrap placed in front of a bouncy house. Tyler Sadler, 2, particularly enjoyed it. Stomping, running and hopping across the mat, his excitement mounted with each ‘pop.’

‘Pop, pop,’ the glow of his light-up sneakers matched the glow of his growing smile as his father looked on with a grin of his own, happy to see his son enjoying himself while also learning about the importance of safety.

“I think today is a good opportunity for the kids to learn the basics of safety,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Philip M. Sadler, night check supervisor, Detachment 3, HSL-37. “It’s great the command put this together. As a parent, I might not know everything exactly and the command brings in the experts to teach the kids.”

Although the event was a kids’ day, there



Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Mason L. Jacobs, 5, colors a tiger cut-out at the Honolulu Zoo booth set up in Hangar 3 as part of HSL-37 Kids' Day Friday.

was still plenty of information available to parents. In addition to the information, the Missing Child Center in Hawaii had a booth, and during the day assisted in putting together ID kits for more than 40 children.

The spread of information was the key focus of the event, but for the children involved, the highlight of the experience was the playing.

“Playing with my brother has been fun,” said Samantha B. Formica, 7. “I’ve learned a lot. The people here are nice and fun. They’ve just been teaching us and playing with us.”

Samantha’s brother also said he enjoyed the time spent playing together. Although he had an affinity for the bubble wrap, and rates it as really fun, his favorite moment of the day was clear.

“The best was honking the horn,” said Steven B. Formica, 4. “The police lady was really nice and she let me put on the siren. I got to put it all the way up and it makes loud noises.”

The police car’s siren echoed in the hangar several times during the day, but failed to drown out the joyous shouts of the children.

“I was expecting today to be just like this,” said Sadler. “The safety office here is top-notch and when the command puts something like this together they always do a great job.”

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“I feel this is really a very nice gesture,” said Lance Cpl. William Burke, Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who came to the Wounded Warriors Barracks after breaking his leg in Iraq. “It lets us know they care, that they’re behind us and that they wish us the best of luck with our rehabilitation.”

The Deputy Commander of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Col. Mark Dungan, said the event was beneficial to the recovering Marines.

“Events like this are important because it’s taking care of the wounded Marines,” he said. “It provides them with a more comfortable residence to recuperate in.”

“It’s important to show the Marines how much the community cares about them, and not just the military community, but the Hawaiian community as well,” said Goodman. “It’s important to show them the depths of feeling, the depth of caring and compassion that the Marines don’t know is here.”

During the ceremony, each of the 18 wounded Marines was presented with a quilt. As the quilt maker draped the quilts over Marines’ shoulders, they also wrapped them in hugs, thanking them for their sacrifices to the country.

“I wasn’t expecting all this,” said Lance Cpl. Alex Doyle, Fox Company, 2/3. Doyle was shot in Iraq in his left ribcage. His kidney and spleen were removed, and he is now part of the Wounded Warriors unit here. “Knowing we’re thought about is great.



Cpl. Macario P. Mora Jr.

Gayle Goodman, wife of Lt. Gen. John F. Goodman, commanding general, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, speaks with Lance Cpl’s Darrel Riley and Allen Gallardo, both infantrymen with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, after they received quilts from local quilt makers for wounds they sustained during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It helps us to relax, to take our minds off of things.”

After the quilts were presented to the Marines, the quilt makers followed them into their barracks rooms. The quilt makers then helped the Marines put the quilts on their beds, and traded phone numbers and names with the Marines.

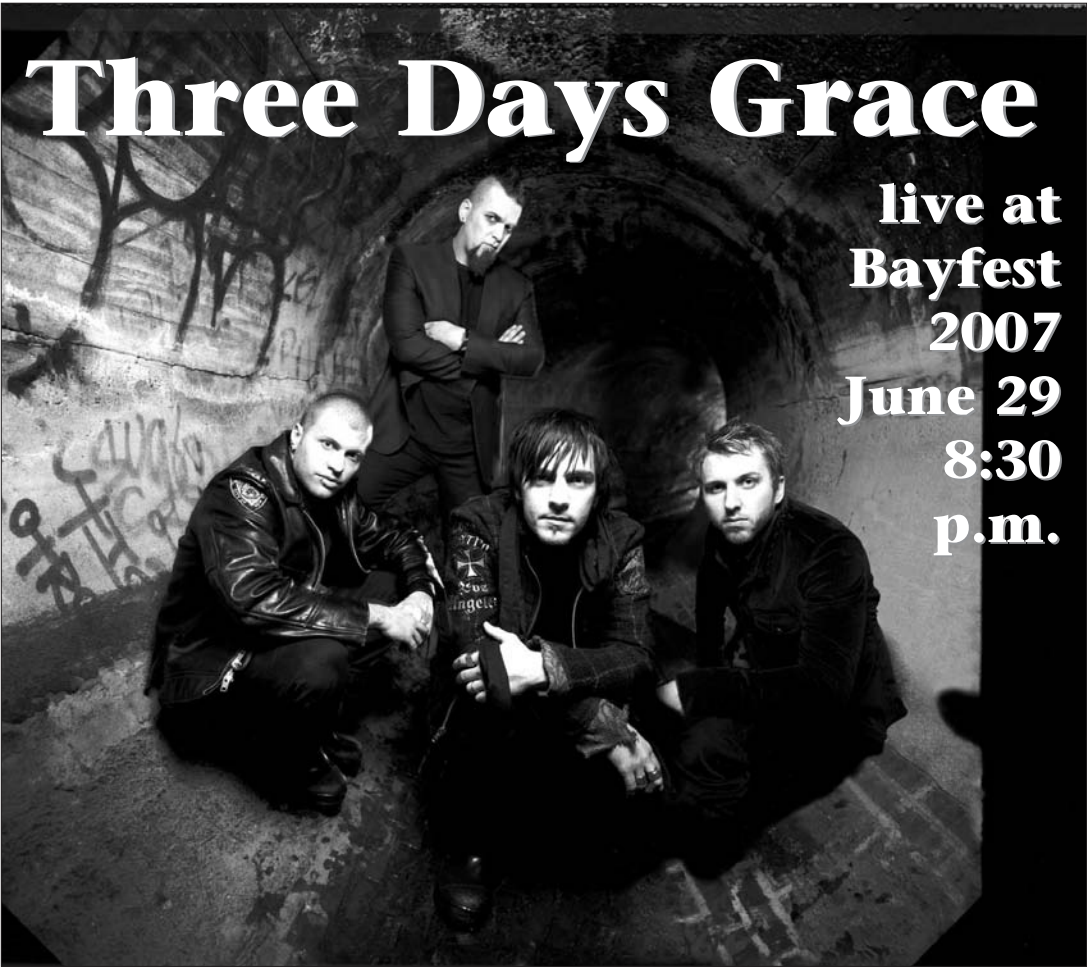
“The gesture with the quilts represents an incredible amount of time,” said Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, commanding general, MCBH. “The beauty of the quilts isn’t lost on any of us. This can help us reflect on the community and how important Hawaii is to the military and to us.

“We couldn’t do what we do as a Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard without support from the community. Thank you so much for this gesture.”

The hugs and smiles from the Marines proved their gratitude to the women who sacrificed their time to make their home a little more comfortable.

Colonel Duffy W. White, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment, spoke for his Marines when he thanked the women for their efforts.

“Thank you to all of you for putting a mother’s touch to our barracks and granting us with the spirit of ‘Aloha!’” he said.





Lt. j.g. Dan Reinhardt

Commander Adam Hunt, commanding officer, Combined Maintenance Organization 2, speaks to Sailors in attendance of the Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two dismissal of quarters Monday.

New organization gets to work

Lt. j.g. Dan Reinhardt

Patrol Squadron 9

A major transformation took place Monday for Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two with the dismissal of quarters of the new Combined Maintenance Organization. This represented the official kickoff for the largest reorganization of Wing Two in recent years. With this change, all of the maintainers from the three P-3C Orion squadrons based on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, were placed into a new unit under the leadership of Cmdr. Adam Hunt.

This unit, now the largest single entity of Wing Two, has taken over responsibility for the maintenance and care of all the patrol aircraft in the wing from the three VP squadrons.

According to Hunt, "the mission of the CMO-2 Sea Raiders is to provide ready-for-tasking aircraft and qualified maintenance teams capable of supporting maritime patrol and reconnaissance objectives worldwide. We are proud to be an integral member of the MPRA team and look forward to ensuring that the aircrews flying

our birds have the most capable platform available to take the fight to the enemy."

The squadrons, in turn, have a redefined role with a larger focus on aircrew specific training, which is evident through the rise of the new Warfare Development Center where aircrew will continue to focus more on the war-fighting side of the house.

Many challenges undoubtedly lie ahead for the new CMO with such a large move of assets and personnel. Hunt, the officer-in-charge, has no doubt that the Sailors under his charge will be able to successfully overcome these trials.

"At the heart of CMO-2 are the talented Sailors that have combined to create it," he said.

"We have the advantage of inheriting the best from three top-performing VP squadron maintenance departments based here in Hawaii."

However, fundamental to the success of this transformation will be communication between CMO and the three squadrons so that maintenance needs and aircrew-training requirements will both be met.

While CMO becomes the largest unit in

Wing Two, each squadron stands to lose over half of its personnel. This presents a wide variety of issues from the allocation of squadron spaces to the simple problem of new parking arrangements. The commanding officers of the three squadrons have had to lead their units in redefining the squadron role.

In the end, the goal is to have a more efficient and effective force through the specialization of roles within Wing Two. CMO will be able to fully focus on the care and maintenance of the aircraft while the three squadrons will become better tactical operators of the P-3C.

Wing Two is just the second wing to undergo the change of CMO. Last year, the P-3 wing located at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, underwent the same change. Wing Two has been able to utilize the lessons learned in Jacksonville and apply those in order to make the transformation as smooth as possible.

In the coming years, the two remaining P-3 Wings will also make the move to CMO and Wing Two's transition will hopefully be studied as a model for a successful change.

BLESSED, from A-1

blessed, most in attendance felt that this would also benefit the morale around the base.

"This should be helpful for morale," said Cmdr. Alvin Holsey, commanding officer of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37. "It shows the cohesion of the fleet and how everyone relies on each other for assistance."

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, commented on how WFO is unique here.

"We are very blessed to have an organization such as Waterfront Operations," said Hummer. "They have saved 60 lives this year, and have assisted vessels in distress. They are also ranked number one in oil spill containment within the Navy."

"This ceremony was done to help bring us back to basics," said Lt. j. g. Marc Tinaz, officer-in-charge of WFO. "It is a symbolic event, which remembers naval tradition and heritage."

Also blessed were a helicopter and Coast Guard Cutter.

EXERCISE, from A-1

goggles)," said Cpl. Philip Lopez, CH-53D crew chief, HMH-363. "When you wear those you lose your depth of perception. You go from having a 180-degree field of view to about 40. It's like staring at a TV screen."

Doing these types of flights, many things can go wrong. Wind could pick up and swing the blocks, which would make the aircraft lose stability or hit the aircraft. Another hazard is if the aircraft had an emergency, they would have to "pickle to load," where the crew members would need to emergency drop the load, said Cpl. Dagoberto Dominguez, aerial observer, HMH-363.

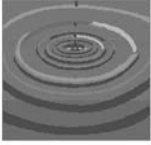
"With the HST team

doing everything perfectly, everything went smoothly," said Dominguez, a 22-year-old native of Fort Worth, Texas. "We did have a few clouds out at night, and that blocked our view with the goggles, but other than that it went very well."

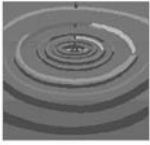
Robbins said that this training was a great way to show how units get together to support the MAGTF.

"We got together and were able to pull this exercise off," said Robbins. "We had the air element that carried the cargo, and we had the ground element that secured the area, called us in and were able to hook the cargo up to the aircraft. This is how the different parts of the MAGTF would come together to get missions accomplished."

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AROUND THE CORPS

Okinawa squadron receives first Super Hercules

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa, Japan — Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 received its first KC-130J Super Hercules June 4 as the high-tech airplane touched down on the runway here.

Over the next 18 months, nine new aircraft will replace the older KC-130 models, most of which date back to the early 1960s, said Lt. Col. Dwight C. Neeley, commanding officer, VMGR-152.

In fact, one of the aircraft to be replaced was the first KC-130 purchased by the Marine Corps and is the oldest in the Navy and Marine Corps inventory, he said.

“I’m beyond excited,” he said. “We’ve worked very hard well over a year to try and make (the conversion) possible,” he said. “The engines, propellers and avionics systems are so much more advanced. It allows us to fly these planes a lot more than we can the



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Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152's new KC-130J sits in front of the first KC-130 bought by the Marine Corps in 1961.

planes that are 40 years old.”

Maintaining the aged KC-130s was becoming time-consuming and costly, according to Lt. Col. John M. Peck, executive officer, VMGR-152.

“It costs a lot more to main-

tain and keep the old KC-130s running where they should be,” Peck said. “The (KC-130Js) are a lot easier to maintain and will definitely save (the Marine Corps) money.”

Along with saving the

Marine Corps money, the new fuel efficient model’s capabilities far surpass those of the old KC-130s, Neeley explained. The new aircraft has a carrying capacity of 21.7 tons, max cruise speed of 408 mph, and

max un-refueled range of 2,739 miles with an 18-ton payload.

The new planes feature state-of-the-art avionics equipment and a computerized cockpit with Heads-Up Displays that provide pilots with an extraordinary amount of information, said Maj. Kenneth L. Asbridge, a pilot on the new KC-130J.

“There’s so much information at the pilot’s fingertips, I can’t even begin to explain,” Asbridge said. “In the old plane, we were literally flying by the seat of our pants. Now we are monitoring computers and every thing is very exact.”

He also said the plane is much faster because the new six-blade propellers, which provide up to 25 percent more horsepower, and the air-to-air refueling system boasts a fuel flow rate double that of its predecessor.

Even with all the advanced technology, Asbridge said that sometimes just the feel of a plane is important and the KC-130J definitely passed that test. “The old one handles like an old Cadillac, but this one is like a sports car,” he said.



Gretchen Wilson live at Bayfest 2007 June 30 8:30 p.m.

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